

passage being free of obstructions, at least a portion of said spout having a continuously curving first sealing surface; and

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a pry-off lid having a lid portion which seals against said spout when said lid is mounted on said body, said lid being movable between (1) a closed position to engage said body, and (2) a pried-off position permitting dispensing of fluid out of said dispensing orifice, said lid having a sealing element defining a continuous curving second sealing surface arranged to seal in surface-to-surface contact against said spout first sealing surface to create a continuous seal between said spout and said lid sealing element for closing said dispensing orifice of said spout when said lid is mounted on said body in said closed position, said open area sized to resist flow of the viscous fluid therein when said lid is pried off of said body.

38. (Once Amended) A spurt-resistant dispensing structure for dispensing a viscous fluid, comprising:

a body for extending from a container substantially closing an opening thereof, said body having a wall portion with a spout having a dispensing orifice therethrough for dispensing fluid at least partially contained by said body, said wall portion having an inside surface for forming a meniscus of fluid thereon; and

a2 said body including a conduit having a cylindrical conduit passage of constant open area in fluid communication with said spout, said conduit extending from an inside surface of said wall portion to a first free end, said conduit having a length such that said first free end is located beyond the meniscus, at least a portion of said spout having a continuously curving first sealing surface; and

a pry-off lid having a lid portion which seals against said spout when said lid is mounted on said body, said lid being movable between (1) a closed position to engage said body, and (2) a pried-off position permitting dispensing of fluid out of said dispensing orifice, said lid having a sealing element defining a continuous curving second sealing surface arranged to seal in surface-to-surface contact against said spout first sealing surface to create a continuous seal between said spout and said lid sealing element for closing said

a2 dispensing orifice of said spout when said lid is mounted on said body in said closed position, said open area sized to resist flow of the viscous fluid therein when said lid is pried off of said body.

47. (Once Amended) A spurt-resistant dispensing structure comprising:

a body having a deck portion and a depending skirt portion, said deck portion extending radially inwardly from an edge region of said skirt portion, said body having a spout extending upwardly relative to said skirt portion, said spout having an outer end defining a dispensing orifice, at least a portion of said spout having a continuously curving first sealing surface;

said body including a tubular portion extending from an inside surface of said deck portion in a direction away from said spout to a first free end and having a passage establishing fluid communication between said dispensing orifice and the interior of said skirt portion;

a3 said body including a surrounding ring portion extending from an inside surface of said deck portion to a second free end and surrounding said tubular portion;

said tubular portion, said deck portion, and said surrounding ring portion together defining an annular recess for holding fluid therein;

a pry-off lid connected to said body, said lid being movable between (1) a closed position to engage said body, said lid having a sealing element defining a continuous curving second sealing surface arranged to seal in surface-to-surface contact against said spout first sealing surface to create a continuous seal between said spout and said lid sealing element to close said dispensing orifice of said spout when said lid is mounted on said body in said closed position, and (2) a pried-off open position permitting dispensing of fluid out of said dispensing orifice; and

wherein said first free end of said tubular portion and said second free end of said surrounding ring portion are substantially coplanar.

71. (Once Amended) A dispensing structure for dispensing a viscous fluid comprising:

a body for extending from a container substantially closing an opening thereof, said body having a wall portion with a spout having a dispensing orifice therethrough for dispensing fluid at least partially contained by said body, said wall portion having an inside surface for forming a meniscus of fluid thereon;

a4 said body including a conduit having a passage in fluid communication with said orifice and extending from an inside surface of said wall portion in a direction away from said spout to a first free end, said passage having an open area along a length thereof from said inside surface to said first free end, said passage being free of obstructions, at least a portion of said spout having a continuously curving first sealing surface; and

a pry-off lid having a lid portion which seals against said spout when said lid is mounted on said body, said lid being movable between (1) a closed position to engage said body, and (2) a pry-off position permitting dispensing of fluid out of said dispensing orifice, said lid having a sealing element defining a continuous curving second sealing surface arranged to seal in surface-to-surface contact against said spout first sealing surface to create a continuous seal between said spout and said lid sealing element for closing said dispensing orifice of said spout when said lid is mounted on said body in said closed position.

Please add claims 75-78 as follows:

75. The dispensing structure in accordance with claim 71, wherein said conduit has a length of at least about 0.3 inches.

76. The dispensing structure in accordance with claim 71, wherein said conduit has a length of L_1 and an inside diameter of D_1 , and the ratio of D_1 to L_1 is about 0.3.

a5 27 77. A dispensing structure for dispensing a viscous fluid comprising:

a body for extending from a container substantially closing an opening thereof, said body having a wall portion with a spout having a dispensing orifice therethrough for

dispensing fluid at least partially contained by said body, said wall portion having an inside surface for forming a meniscus of the viscous fluid thereon;

said body including a conduit having a passage in fluid communication with said orifice and extending from an inside surface of said wall portion in a direction away from said spout to a first ^{free} end, said passage having an open area along a length thereof between said inside surface to said first free end, said passage being free of obstructions;
and

a pry-off lid having a lid portion which seals against an outside of said spout when said lid is mounted on said body.

78. A dispensing structure for dispensing a viscous fluid comprising:

a body for extending from a container substantially closing an opening thereof, said body having a wall portion with a spout having a dispensing orifice therethrough for dispensing fluid at least partially contained by said body, said wall portion having an inside surface for forming a meniscus of the viscous fluid thereon;

said body including a conduit having a passage in fluid communication with said orifice and extending from an inside surface of said wall portion in a direction away from said spout to a first free end, said passage having an open area along a length thereof between said inside surface to said first free end, said conduit having a length such that said first free end is located beyond the meniscus; at least a portion of said spout having a continuously curving first sealing surface; and

a pry-off lid having a lid portion which seals against said spout when said lid is mounted on said body; said lid being moveable between (1) a closed position to engage said body, and (2) a pry-off position permitting dispensing of fluid out of said dispensing orifice, said lid having a sealing element defining a continuous curving second sealing surface arranged to seal in surface-to-surface contact against said spout first sealing surface to create a continuous seal between said spout and said lid sealing element for closing said dispensing orifice of said spout when said lid is mounted on said body in said closed position.